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WATKINS REQUESTS FOLLOWING LETTER BE DELIVERED TO TAKOYEV:

1. DEAR MR. TAKOYEV, THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER, WHICH OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS PASSED ON TO ME. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AGAIN FOR THE FINE CONTRIBUTION WHICH YOU AND THE REST OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION MADE TO OUR FIRST MEETING.

2. I REALIZE THAT COMPLICATIONS CAN ARISE WHEN DEALING WITH MANY AGENCIES. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE END OF JULY HAS COME AND GONE, I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY CONCURRENCES ON THE ITINERARY FOR OUR AUGUST 25 VISIT TO THE USSR AND ON THE TOPICS WHICH THE
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SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO RECOMMEND FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE

PROJECTS.

3. WHILE IN THE USSR WE SHALL BE OBSERVING SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN ORDER THAT WE CAN THEREAFTER DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. HOWEVER, I CANNOT CONCUR WITH YOUR STATEMENT ON THE "NECESSITY" FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON SUCH TOPICS DURING OUR VISIT TO THE USSR. WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THE JUNE 6 PROTOCOL, NAMELY THAT WE SHALL TRY TO DEVELOP TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS WHILE WE ARE IN THE USSR BUT OUR DEFINITIVE VIEWS WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU BY OCTOBER 8.

4. WE ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES OF INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH YOU DESCRIBE; BUT WE THINK, BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN GETTING OUR COAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SOVIET SIDE SHORTLY AFTER OUR COAL DELEGATION VISITED THE USSR, THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ADHERE TO THIS TIMETABLE. INGERSOLL

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